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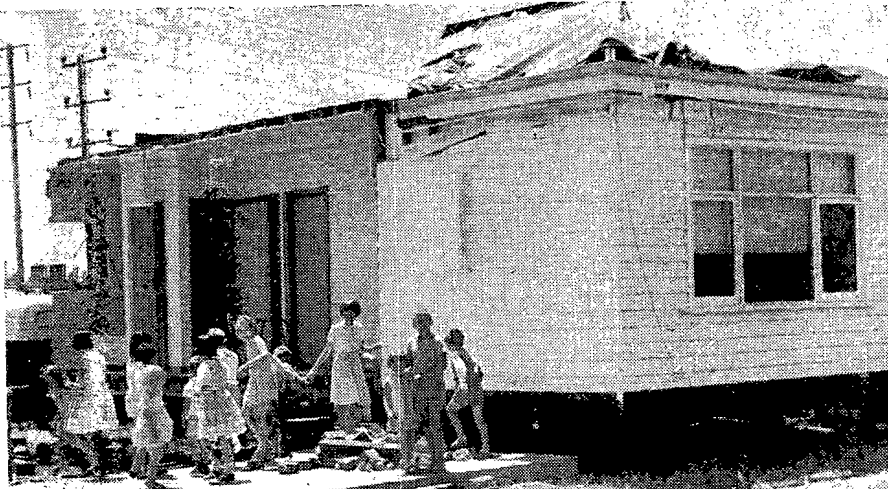
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HOUSES GO FOR FREEWAY



The first of the Altona North houses moves off to make way for the freeway approach to the Lower Yarra bridge. This house at 18 Beevers Street, Altona North, was purchased by a Seymour contractor.

Compensation is not being paid to people who have already sold their properties to the Country Roads Board to make way for the western approaches of the Lower Yarra bridge, insists Mr. Bill Sommers, a member of the committee formed to seek just prices for these home owners.

Owners who have sold to the CRB are only receiving current market value and expenses (i.e., stamp duty, removalist and legal expenses), said Mr. Sommers.

He alleges that CRB officers told his committee at a meeting attended by parliamentarians including Cr. A. W. Knight, MLC, and Mr. W. L. Floyd, MLA, that this would be the total amount paid.

Compensation is an amount caused to the owner by the ap- paid above the valuation of a property for the inconvenience- quition of his property. The Board is making no allow-

Special School Restricted

The special school planned for Altona North will not provide for children who are so retarded that they need to be kept at home, the Minister of Education (Mr. L. H. S. Thompson) recently informed Cr. A. W. Knight, MLC.

Children requiring training rather than education attend day training centres run by voluntary bodies, he added. In a letter to Cr. Knight, Mr. Thompson said—

"I refer to your representations in Parliament relating to provision for the education of mentally retarded children in the Altona area.

"The provision of special schools for the education of mentally handicapped children is reviewed regularly and new special schools are being built as the overall building program permits.

"At present the date for building a special school at

Paisley has not been determined, but when the building program is being revised consideration will be given to needs in the Altona area in comparison with those in other areas.

"It should be noted, however, that such a school would not provide for children so retarded that they need to be kept at home. Children requiring training rather than education attend Day Training Centres for Intellectually Handicapped Children, which are run by voluntary bodies with some Government financial support through the Mental Health Authority.

"David House, Little David-st., Yarraville, is an example of such a centre. I mention this as it is possible that some of the children on whose behalf you have made representations need this kind of assistance rather than attendance at a Special School conducted by the Education Department."

ance for compensation believes Mr. Sommers.

The Board's valuation of his own property is lower than that he obtained from an independent sworn valuer, said Mr. Sommers.

He said this sworn valuation, plus compensation will be submitted to the Board and he will not accept a lower price.

Mr. Sommers is determined not to budge unless he gets his price and he is prepared to go to court.

One week before Christmas to a young couple living next door to him.

As soon as the first notices of acquisition were received the owner of the property moved elsewhere and rented the house to a young couple with two children.

In November the couple approached the Board and were told they could stay in the house for 12 months.

One week before Christmas they received an order from the Board to leave the house by January 19.

Being already on the Housing Commission list for a house or flat the couple contacted the Commission who in turn requested the CRB to delay the eviction for two months.

However, on January 12 the Board again ordered them out by the 19th.

The couple are now in a flat at West Heidelberg said Mr. Sommers.

Inconsistency in prices offered for similar properties is also hard to understand, said Mr. Sommers.

He said one committee member has been offered \$12,050 but a house of lesser value next door is valued at \$12,800.

Neglected properties on unmade roads are being offered more than well-kept similar properties on made roads, alleges Mr. Sommers.

And these offers do not include compensation, insists Mr. Sommers.

He said reports that 44 owners have received compensation is rubbish.

"Compensation" is a figure of speech and is not actually be-

WIDER POWERS FOR COUNCILS

Local councils could be given wider powers to control the selling of ice-cream from street vans.

Councils at present have limited powers to control the selling of certain goods by persons holding Metropolitan Hawker's licences.

However, consideration is being given to removing these limitations.

In a report this week, Cr. A. W. Knight, MLC, said—

"The Minister for Local Government has now informed me that councils have wide powers to control the sale of goods by street hawkers and itinerant traders, but the Hawkers and Pedlars Act has limited the powers of the metropolitan councils to control the selling of certain classes of goods by persons holding Metropolitan Hawker's licences under that Act."

He has further informed me that the Chief Secretary has under consideration a proposal to amend the Hawkers & Pedlars Act to remove this limitation on the powers of metropolitan councils.

AUSTRALIA DAY BABIES

Gregory Arthur Taylor was the only Australia Day baby born at Altona District Hospital. Born on January 26, Gregory is the first child of Jeanetta and Robert Taylor, of Maidstone-st., Altona.

Mrs. Taylor is the former Jeanetta May, of Civic-pde. Also at Williamstown Hospital only one baby was born on Jan. 26.

Laura Alexandra Cornes had delayed her arrival for several days, but arrived on the Friday in time for one of her mother's friends to take the news back to Scotland when she sailed on the Saturday.

Another first child, Laura's parents are Carolyn and William Cornes, of Phair-crt., Altona North, both of whom came to Australia from Scotland.

What has been paid to the 44 owners is but a price for the property and definitely does not include compensation explained Mr. Sommers.

He added, 44 owners may have agreed to the Board's price but there are still approximately 80 people who have not.

Many of these have personally told him they will not accept the Board's offer, concluded Mr. Sommers.

ALTONA'S FINANCES

—A COMPARATIVE SURVEY

Altona's potential in terms of net annual valuation is at least double its present figure.. The need for more intensive development and strong control of its economy is clear.

The survey, based on local government statistics for 1966, includes comparative studies of Altona, Williamstown, Sunshine and Footscray—all neighbouring suburbs.

Werribee, a broad acre shire, was not included because of a lack of common conditions.

Footscray and Williamstown are developed areas. Sunshine and Altona are in the course of development.

It was decided to accept the average acre as a standard. The number of acres in a municipality is, under ordinary conditions, the one unalterable factor. For that reason it has advantages over population, home dwellings or number of rate-payers, etc.

The summary is based on the last available year of municipal record, to September 30, 1966.

Increases in the Net Annual Valuation over 1961 were—

ALTONA	157%
SUNSHINE	160%
WILLIAMSTOWN	78%
FOOTSCRAY	99%

	Altona	W'town	S'shine	F'scray
Number of Ratepayers	12,447	10,602	17,538	23,423
Total Acres	9,930	3,582	19,775	4,411
Net Annual Valuation per acre	\$702	\$1,218	\$549	\$2,274

Loans per Acre, including private streets	\$279	\$246	\$154	\$533
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Percentage of Net Annual Valuation	39.7	20.2	28.1	23.5
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Receipts per Acre, 1966	\$162	\$322	\$104	\$497
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Revenue and Loans	89	45	77	36
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It can be seen that in Altona an asset of an average acre is worth to the council \$702 against which it has in effect a mortgage of \$279, or about 40% of its worth. To maintain and improve that asset it received in 1966 \$162 for expenses and debt payment.

Altona, with 39.7% loans, compares unfavourably with the other suburbs.

A substantial alteration in its finances would be necessary if it were to approach Sunshine's position (and Sunshine's finances have already had adverse comment).

But even to come close to Sunshine's present position would mean—

(a) An increase of \$1,000,000 in Net Annual Valuation which equals \$20,000,000 in actual valuation.

(b) A reduction in net loan debt of \$400,000 or various equivalents.

This is an over simplification for increases in loans for some years seem unavoidable.

The table also includes a reference to road mileage.

This would tend to show Altona sparsely served with roads, but in view of the large undeveloped western area the roads in the remaining section would probably compare favourably.

A more detailed examination of finance is in summaries also to September, 1966.

In the following year substantial rises in rates and a lesser dependence on loans have altered the position.

	Altona	W'town	S'shine	F'scray
TOTAL RECEIPTS, 1966	\$1,056,000	\$1,006,000	\$1,613,000	\$1,854,000
Revenue	550,000	147,000	438,000	352,000
Loans	\$1,006,000	\$1,153,000	\$2,051,000	\$2,266,000

	Altona	W'town	S'shine	F'scray
ALLOCATION OF REVENUE RECEIPTS (Percentages)	67	61	79	73

Rates	6	4	2	6
Street Construction	19	23	15	11
Council Services	5	1	3	3
Government Grants	3	11	100	100
Other	100	100	100	100

	Altona	W'town	S'shine	F'scray
ALLOCATION OF TOTAL EXPENDITURE, INCLUDING LOANS (Percentages)	10	9	6	8

Administration	16	9	8	10
Debt Services	25	37	33	37
Roads, Lighting	29	27	23	22
Properties	13	11	15	19
Health, Other Services	4	4	3	3
Grants	4	3	2	1
Other	100	100	100	100

It must be admitted that an area of Altona's acreage is sub-standard. This includes the swam sections now being controlled and the low lying area of Truganina Reserve.

Even leaving aside these areas the remaining land in Altona has a potential as great as Williamstown, or ultimately as Footscray.

The most pressing need is first for strong control of increase in loan debt service and secondly for its reduction. This calls for rigid financial management and a greater reliance on revenue for shire needs.

EDITORIAL

Going to School

The series of articles on educational aspects by an Altona parent have been well worth while.

They were most comprehensive. To them; at the eve of the school year we add nothing except emphasis by repetition of some points.

Altona is well served by its schools. Modern, well equipped buildings in spacious grounds and with reasonable staff are ready for a full complement of children.

And it is the interflow of all these factors that makes the school. A live school is more than bricks and mortar and people and children. It is all these and other intangibles working together in harmony it is happily comprehended in the words: "School's in."

Our schools are what we make them.

Our understanding of the school will affect our attitude to it. And that expressed or unexpressed will in turn influence our children likewise.

The answer to this question asked in the article as basic —

"Do you send them off with a clean handkerchief and their lunch to some distant, unfriendly, impersonal place, or do you send them to friends in another part of our community?"

CAMERA CLUB WINNERS

"Speed or Action" depicted by frolicking beach scenes or speedy action were amongst the subjects submitted for the monthly competition. It was a difficult task for the judge of the Altona Camera Club competition, Bob Hawkins, to reach a decision. Results were—

COLOUR

BEGINNERS: 1st. K. Paterson; 2nd. A. Paterson.
ADVANCED: 1st. K. Hart; 2nd. K. Hart.

BLACK AND WHITE
BEGINNERS: 1st. K. Paterson; Equal 2nd. A. Paterson and K. Gunn.
ADVANCED: 1st. J. Merrills.

Next months theme will be "Seascape" in which a natural coastal scene, wave study, open sea, boats or other items maintaining a marine interest may be used.

The ACC's outing to Hollygreen on Sunday was cancelled due to the weather bureau's prediction of century heat.

Instead a detour was made to the beaches, in particular to Point Lonsdale. A very pleasant time was had by everyone, and needless to say will now take place at a later date when the weather (we hope) will be more clement for an inland tour.

Next meeting at the clubroom at the Homestead, Queen-st., Altona (opposite public library), will be on February 9.

DENTAL HEALTH AN APEX SERVICE?

Each year, at Easter time, the Association of Apex Clubs decides on a major service scheme in which all clubs must participate during the coming year.

A New South Wales club has proposed that next year's scheme could be on Dental Health and produced a film to back-up their proposal to clubs.

This film shows the appalling state of many of our children's teeth in this country and some of the educational methods that could be used to combat this urgent problem.

Altona Apex Club has viewed this film and will decide if they want this to be next year's scheme.

All 530 clubs in the Association have an equal vote in this matter, and there will be at least three other proposals put forward at the Annual Convention at Newcastle.

It is interesting that this is not a proposal to fluoride water supplies but rather a means of bringing public notice to what is a national disgrace.

PEDAL CLUB WILL RESUME PRACTICE

Altona Pedal Club practice will resume on Sunday, February 4. Members to be at 9 Brocken-gve., Altona, at 10-30 a.m.

SILVER PEDAL RESULTS

DEC. 30: 37, 34 and 71;
JAN. 20: 11, 4 and 41; 3rd 115, 4 and 41; JAN. 27: 42, 50 and 39.

COMMENCES NEW SCHOOL YEAR

All State primary schools, St. Mary's primary school, Mount St. Joseph Girls' Secondary school and St. Paul's Boys' College all re-open for the new school year next Tuesday, February 6.

Both high schools and the technical school commence on Wednesday, February 7.

School Head Master To Attend Sooner

Mr. Rutherford, head master of Altona West Primary School, will be in attendance at the school on Monday next instead of Tuesday as originally notified. He is doing this because of increased enrolments expected. This has become necessary because of the expected increase in enrolments due to building activity in the area.

LIONS RE-BUILD FENCE

The new fence at the Salvation Army Hall in Queen-st., Altona, has been completed.

Last year the "Star" reported the predicament of Captain Warhurst, whose collection towards replacement of the fence was stolen and offers of help had been received—one from the Altona Lions Club.

Now following working bees members of the Lions Club have re-built the fence.

ALTONA LADIES WIN BOWLING

The No. 1 and No. 3 pennant teams were still winning their matches and holding their place at the top of their sections.

Two important events are on the calendar for February.

On February 13 President's Day will commence at 1 p.m.

Later in the month, on Saturday, February 24, a Leap Year Cabaret Dance will be held in the clubhouse. Table bookings are being taken by social secretary Jan Douglas.

Secretary Esme Martin was no doubt pleased to learn the postal strike had been settled. Each Tuesday she posts results to VLBA headquarters in Prahran. During the strike Esme took to personally delivering all pennant results to Prahran.

One of the pennant rinks will be wary of Flo McDonald holidaying again during the pennant season. Believe the creek up there was so cool on the first day of pennant for 1968.

President Isla Probert has been having some steady practice and is now bowling as well as ever.

However, last weekend she had a break and went to Canberra to visit her daughter, Peg, and husband, Trevor Jobling.

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2.30 p.m.: Intermediate Christian Endeavour.

7 p.m.: Evening Service.

Minister—Pastor R. J. Reynolds, 62 Blyth Street, Altona.

Telephone: 65-8829.

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Confessions.

Railway Street, Altona.

Masses.

Sundays: 7.30, 9 and 10.30 a.m.

Holy Days: 7, 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

First Fridays: 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Saturdays: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Eve of Holy Days: 7 p.m.

Eve of First Fridays: 7 p.m.

First Friday (Maltese): 3 and 5.30 p.m.

Rev. Father J. Nooney, P.P.

Rev. Father M. Kelleher.

Father V. Rubeo.

St. Mary's Presbytery, Railway Street, Altona. Telephone 65-8964.

St. Joseph's Convent, Sargood Street, Altona. Telephone 65-8888.

Queen of Peace Laverton.

Masses.

Sundays: 7.30, 9.30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m. and 6.15 p.m.

First Fridays: 6.15 p.m.

Week Days: Thursdays, 11 a.m. Saturdays, 8 a.m.

Confessions.

Eve of Holy Days: 7 p.m.

Eve of First Fridays: 7 p.m.

Saturdays: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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Rev. Father J. Kierce, P.P., Rev. Father M. Sudana, Rev. Father G. Calleja, St. Leo's Presbytery, 315 Mason-st., Altona North, 3025.

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St. Eanswythe's Queen Street, Altona.

VICAR—The Rev. John Lawley, The Vicarage, 7 Bent Street, Altona. Telephone: 398-1005.

Sunday Services.

8 a.m.: Holy Communion.

9.30 a.m.: Holy Communion (first, third and fifth Sundays).

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7 p.m.: Evensong.

Sunday School.

Sundays at 9.30 a.m.

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Sunday.

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MINISTER—Rev. A. D. McGregor, 61 Synnot Street, Werribee. Telephone: Werribee 116.

PRESBYTERIAN

241 Civic Parade, Altona.

Sunday Services.

9.15 a.m.: Morning Service.

MINISTER—Rev. John Haysey, The Manse, 9 Lindwood Avenue, Altona. Telephone: 398-1591.

9 Paringa Road, Altona North.

11 a.m.: Worship Service.

League of Young Worshipers share in the Worship from 11 to 12.30 a.m.

MINISTER—Mr. W. A. D'Am, The Manse, 11 Paringa Road, Altona North. Telephone 314-5179.

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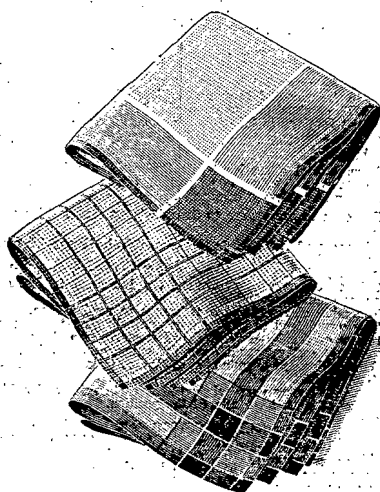
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A SOUTH EAST ASIA TOUR

The never ending noise of Singapore, the beauty of Thailand, the friendliness and loyalty of Thai people and the hard, physical labour being undertaken by the women of Hong Kong made lasting impressions on Cr Harry Weaver and his wife, Lorna, who during the Christmas holidays spent three weeks touring South-East Asia.

First touch-down in South-East Asia was at Singapore where immediately noticeable was the incessant noise from constant honking of horns.

Although only 1 in 17 own a car and 1 in 11 a motor-bike, over 2 million people crowd the small island and thus the traffic appears much denser than in Melbourne.

Drivers continually use their horns.

Sight seeing tours took in the famed Tiger Balm Gardens, China Town, the Sultan Mosque, the world renowned Raffles Hotel, a Malay village on stilts and Changi Prison.

On a quick trip to Johore, the Sultan's Palace and gardens and the Kranji War Memorial were visited.

Amazement at the huge size of the airport at Bangkok was the prelude to a wonderful stay in beautiful Thailand.

The people so friendly and proud of their freedom are very loyal to their King and religion.

This country too has its problems of education but endeavours to get over them by having school twice each day — 7.30 a.m. to 12 noon and then 1-5.30 p.m.

Pottery making, silk weaving, temple dancing, cock fighting, Thai boxing, and sword fighting were some of the aspects of Thai life seen at 'Tin-Land' — Thailand in Miniature.

From the canals were visited the floating markets and at a farm Mrs. Weaver rode a water buffalo!

Hong Kong is very mountainous with buildings on every inch of available space, even the aerodrome extends well out into the harbour.

Water is a problem, salt water is used for flushing and industrial purposes and the drinking water comes in a main direct from Red China.

Sixty four per cent of Hong Kong's population are under 17 and the workers have a 12 hour day six days per week.

A tour to the Bridge over the River Kwai and the Burma or Death Railway and two big war cemeteries gives more meaning to much of what one reads about this area.

A source of wonder to the Weavers was the number of women working on the construction of buildings (being in this line they understand its rigours).

Bricks were being laid by women, concrete was being mixed, hard plastering and the laying of terrazzo floors were some of their jobs.

On the way to Hong Kong the plane flew over Vietnam, but well clear of the fighting zone.

Many places were visited from Hong Kong — Kowloon, the New Territories, the ancient walled village of Kam Tin surrounded by a moat, the Bamboo Curtain, and the famous village of Fan Ling with its 45 hole golf course.

On a tour of Victoria or Hong Kong Island, Victoria Peak was reached by cable car; from Aberdeen fishing village a sampan ride stopped at a floating restaurant; at the dairy farm estates it was learnt milk is very expensive and distilled water is purchased in bottles like soft drink; and at the waterfront was a large fleet of cargo junks.

A forty mile trip by hydrofoil found them in the Portuguese colony of Macao where they were not even allowed to take their cameras from the buses at the heavily guarded barrier gate to mainland China.

Among the stops in the colony was one at the home of Dr. Sun Yat Sin, founder and first president of the Chinese Republic.

A member of Altona Apex Club, Cr. Weaver contacted an equivalent service club in Hong Kong — The Round Table. He attended a Round Table Dinner meeting at the Hong Kong Cricket Club in the heart of the island.

The Round Tables are concerned with assisting in the housing of squatter families who have moved from communist countries into Kowloon and Hong Kong.

The Weavers attended the opening of a refugee village at Cheung Chau which has been financed by young men's clubs throughout the world including Apex.

This was the third such village to be completed by Round Table and its 48 units costing approximately \$A30,000 will house 300 people.

Round Table in conjunction with Apex in Australia is sending to Melbourne a Hong Kong policeman's daughter for a "hole-in-the-heart" operation.

Round Table is paying the fare and Apex providing the accommodation.

LADIES KEEP FIT CLASS

Ladies Keep Fit and Figure Improvement Class will commence early February at 10 a.m. on a week day at the R.S.L. MEMORIAL HALL, Sargood-st., Altona.

INQUIRIES: Ring instructor Crena Healey, 314-5166. (Actual day will be announced next week.)

ST. EANSWYTHE'S YOUNG WIVES

There will not be a meeting of St. Eanswythe's Church of England Young Wives this month (February).

Members are asked to join together in the varied activities of the Planned Giving Program during the month of February.

Notice of the March meeting will appear in this paper early in March.

MUSIC SOCIETY CLASSES RE-START

All Altona Music Society classes will resume practice during the first week of February.

The Senior Choir will meet each Wednesday from 6-30 till 8 p.m. in the Homestead, Queen-st., Altona (opposite the public library).

Singers wishing to join will be most welcome.

Also needed is a pianist who is willing to play for choir practices. Would interested persons please ring the choir master, Mr. Peter Pearce, 398-1809, after 5 p.m. any evening.

The Junior Choir will commence on February 10 and practice will be each Saturday afternoon from 2-30 till 3-45 p.m.

Theory nights will be held each Tuesday night from 6-30 till 8 p.m.

Mr. Fred Manning will resume Accordion Band and Guitar practices each Friday night from 6-30 till 8 p.m.

New members interested in any of the above activities of the Altona Music Society are urged to join. All will be welcome.

First Meeting of Spastic Relief

The first meeting of the committee of the Altona Spastic Relief Association will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Crutenden, 58 Grieve Highway, Altona, on Wednesday, February 7, at 7-45 p.m.

ST. EANSWYTHE'S LADIES GUILD

The first meeting for 1968 of St. Eanswythe's Ladies Guild will be held at 21 Harrington-st., Altona, on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 8 p.m.

New members are always very sure of a welcome.

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CONCERT HELD AT ELDERLY CITIZENS

Last week children from the Altona Play Centre presented a concert to members of the Altona Elderly Citizens Club and later served them with an afternoon tea of "goodies" prepared by the youngsters themselves.

This has become an annual event and is much looked forward to by the youngsters and "oldsters" who appreciate the enthusiastic effort which goes into the making of the day.

Tomorrow night, Friday, Feb. 2, members will play indoor bowls and cards. Good prizes and supper is provided for a 35c donation. Games start at 8 p.m.

An outing to Wonthaggi on Feb. 12 is planned. Members wishing to participate are reminded to enter their name on the list at the clubrooms.

Altona High School Mothers' Club

Altona High School Mothers' Club will not meet on the usual day this month as it falls during the first week of the return to school.

Instead the group will meet at the school on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 1-30 p.m.

Mothers of new pupils are especially invited and will be made most welcome.

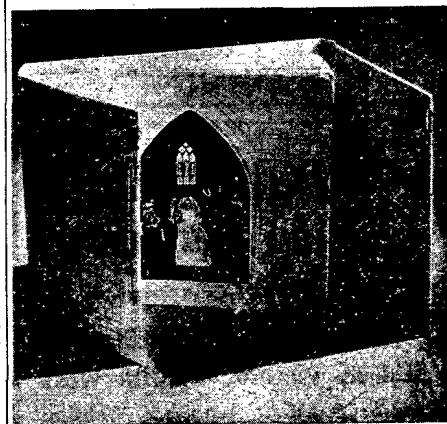
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Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,
Mr. Cresser's letter in last week's "Altona Star" aroused my interest in Bernard B. Fall. Unable to obtain a copy of the book referred to by Mr. Cresser I read through "Street Without Joy" by the same author. On page 27 Professor Fall says: "But the Viet Minh had had about 10 months in which to establish their administration, train their forces with Japanese and American weapons (and Japanese and Chinese instructors) and kill or terrorise into submission the genuine Vietnamese nationalists who wanted a Vietnam independent from France, but equally free of Communist rule."

These words would hardly seem to be those of a person who believes Ho Chi Minh to be fairly and democratically elected for the 10 months spoken of by Professor Fall were the 10 months until February, 1946.

I do not feel that in one publication such a learned person as Professor Fall would claim fair elections to have been held in 1946 and then in another, state that for nine months before hand the Communist-guerillas had been forced to terrorise the Vietnamese people into submission.

Mr. Cresser confesses that Professor Fall is not pro-American and gives a full account of his qualifications in his letter. But it is the South Vietnamese Professor Fall calls the "genuine Vietnamese nationalists."

Yours sincerely,
JOHN MURPHY,
President, Altona Branch,
Young Democratic Labor Association.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,
Mr. Geoffrey C. Cresser has quoted an eminent authority on Asian affairs in Bernard Fall in his letter to the "Altona Star" (25/1/1968). But Bernard Fall has not stated that Ho Chi Minh came to power in North Vietnam by way of the ballot box.

Ho Chi Minh's forces captured Hanoi unopposed following the Japanese withdrawal in August, 1945, and Ho proclaimed himself President of Vietnam.

What Bernard Fall does outline in regard to subsequent events in his book "Two Vietnams" is that South Vietnam refused to agree to a general election in 1956 because the conditions for a free election could not be met in the North. The "agrarian reform" program in the North in 1956, supervised by Chinese instructors, resulted in 50,000 executions and 100,000 forced labour camp sentences (page 155).

The first offensive against South Vietnam came in mid-1957 when the target for Communist terrorists was the pattern killing of village officials in the South. "Losses were heavy." (Page 359).

The second phase of the war was the large scale return of Viet Cong officers and cadres from the North to the South beginning in 1959. Over 30,000 infiltrated cadres recruited and taxed villagers to wage guerilla war against the South Government. They were native Southerners extensively trained in the North.

Even as late as 1961, the USA forces in Vietnam numbered about 700, so it is clear that the USA did not initiate the hostilities.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN BACON.

A TRIBUTE TO BILL ONUS

The members of the Western Suburbs branch of the Aborigines Advancement League were deeply moved by the news of the death of Bill Onus.

The fact that Bill officiated on behalf of the State Committee at the first meeting held by the branch in September increases the grief felt by the members. Bill was a competent businessman and as such could have easily forgotten his less fortunate humans. This, however, was not the manner of this man. He used his ability for the benefit of the whole Aboriginal race.

The branch will be working toward the aims given to them by Bill Onus and his memory would be an added incentive to achieve these aims.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The news item above was only received this week from the Western Suburbs branch of the Aboriginal Advancement League, due to the recent mail drivers' strike.)

Bowling Notes

Bob Don and John Newton will play off in the final of the club championship at Altona Bowling Club.

Last weekend a close quarter final was played by Sid Carton and Bob Don, who went on to defeat Les Crofts in the semi-final.

Firstly R. Don met S. Carton in an excellent game at seven ends S. Carton was 11-5 at 12 ends 16-6, at 17 ends 19-13, at 22 ends 21-18, at 27 ends 24-21, at 28 ends 24-24 and finally R. Don won the match 25-24.

R. Don then played Councilor Les. Crofts but Les. could not hold R. Don as at 8 ends 10-4, at 14 ends 19-7, and finally at 20 ends 26-10.

R. Don now meets J. Newton in the final.

Australia Day was observed at the Altona Club with a special A.N.A. tournament.

The opening address was given by the president of the local branch of A.N.A., Mr. Charlie McDonald.

During the luncheon adjournment Mr. Bill Grant spoke on the significance of Australia Day.

Players in the rink which won the tournament were — Win Neal (skipper), Kay Andrews, Myrtle Bromley and Lillian Tucker.

Runners-up were Charlie Tucker, Ruby Fisher, Vera Douglas and Glad McKellar.

In the A.N.A. Tournament at Newport on Monday, Altona Club was well represented as G. McNeillage, W. Probert, J. Stephens and J. Fisher were defeated in the final match but got second prize.

Congratulations go to this team for a good showing.

Pennant Matches start again on February 3 and the games are as follows.

No. 1 Team play Heidelberg (3) away.

No. 2 Team play Flemington (4) at Home.

No. 3 Team play Port Melbourne (4) away.

No. 4 Team play I.C.I. (3) at Home.

The President of the Club, Mr. T. Burke and his family are at present having a holiday at Sorrento but he will be back for the start of Pennant.

ALTONA TENNIS CLUB JUNIORS

Altona Tennis Club Junior teams for Saturday, February 3, commencing at 9 a.m., are as follows—

Boys' Section 1 v. Yarraville, away—

J. Trickey, R. Snowling, G. Wood, and C. Summon. (Emergency: E. Valente.)

Boys' Section 3 v. Liston-Esplanade, at Altona—

E. Valente, R. Groves, J. Rosenboom and G. Crofts. (A. Findlay.)

Girls' Section 1 v. Yarraville, away—

B. Walker, J. Walker, B. Sandilands and S. Keown. (L. Smith.)

Girls' Section 3 No. 1 v. Liston-Esplanade, at Altona—

L. Smith, J. Critchley, R. Webb and H. Shields. (D. Crofts.)

Girls' Section 3 No. 2 v. Youth Club, at Altona—

D. Crofts, J. Wise, L. Hyde and Y. Robertson. (B. Colvin.)

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Rome degenerated with the degeneration of her people, Nazi Germany misused fitness and suffered a similar end. What then do we mean by fitness? Can we take steps to obtain it?

As a small boy my homeward journey from school was often delayed for many minutes while I watched a blacksmith at work. Longfellow's words—

Longfellow's words—

The smith, a mighty man is he,
With large and sinewy hands;
The muscles of his brawny arms
Are strong as iron bands.
Are strong as iron bands.
Have therefore a special meaning
for me. This "mighty man"
would well grace any of the
rather ridiculous modern adventur-
ousnesses for "Physical Culture"
establishments. Today a
service station has taken the
place of the blacksmith's shop
and I wonder if this is a rather
apt contrast as almost all of
the hard physical effort of 20-30
and more years ago has been
replaced by machine effort
guided by highly skilled hands.

If we can see the smith in
his proper perspective we can
understand that being a smith
developed the strength and not
the other way around.

Strength alone is quite useless
if not applied to some acceptable
occupation or recreation. While
the employees of the service
station have no need of the
great strength of the smith
they need considerable dexterity
and skill in manipulating the
tools they use.

Each body, too, has need of
some form of activity to keep
it functioning well so that the
skilled hands may work effi-
ciently. Without his regular work
exercise the smith was unable
to make the sparks fly and the
anvil ring as he fashioned the
flowing iron to the desired shape.
The mechanic though is well able
to perform his task whenever
and wherever he likes as the
manipulation skill of his fingers
is not dependent greatly on the
strength of his arm.

Where and when do we set
the limits to the need for strong
and obvious muscle development?
The brash, at times common
beauty parlour ads. would have
us believe that these are essen-
tial to our "image." The seedy
ascetic scholar would scoff at any
need at all for strong legs or
arms. Somewhere there must
be a middle way, where does it
lie?

Current Trends

Melbourne was the venue in
past weeks for many conventions
and conferences.

One, which concerns us all,
was the annual meeting of the
Australian Physical Education
Association. This comprises the
teachers in our schools who are
responsible for Health Education
and Physical Education parts of
the school program.

Addresses were given from
such a wide range of people as
a farmer, Prime Minister to a
humble housewife. Some papers
presented were most scholarly,
others mundanely practical.

Few of the 30 plus generation
would have recognised here the
old PT or Physical Jerks as it
was once known. Without excep-
tion the speakers referred to
the need for the development of
each individual in his or her
unique way and the speakers
expressed concern at the per-
sistence of the old idea of body
and mind being separate.

Fitness they agreed is total.
It concerns the whole man. Our
activities then, which are aimed
at being or keeping fit, must be
related to our activities as a
person.

Williams sums this up when he
says that fitness or health edu-
cation should lead us to "live
most and serve best." Perhaps
we ought to consider just what
fitness is, and how and when we
achieve it.

What is Fitness

It seems that to be fit and to
be healthy are not synonymous.
Our hard-working medical prac-
titioners would probably agree
that at least in comparison with
previous decades we are a rea-
sonably healthy people.

Health in this rather narrow
sense is limited to the concept
of freedom from diseases. They
would probably agree too that
were their duties not so onerous
there is much that could be done
in the way of preventive medi-
cine, not only keeping free from
disease but being well and fit
enough to "live most and serve
best" with a maximum of effi-
ciency and a minimum of
fatigue.

Fitness means for adults and
children alike, having the many
opportunities of work, recrea-
tion and service that abound. It
means, too, more than just an
adequate amount of physical
exercise although these are an
important part of the whole con-
cept. To achieve fitness in living
and service is the aim of all
parents concerned with the full
development of their children.

Community Provisions for Fitness

Both the State and municipal
governments do much to help
the parent in seeing that the
family is fit in the broad sense.

An increasing number of tea-
chers are being trained to teach
health and physical education.
Finance limits the facilities pro-
vided but these too are increas-
ing. Research is being conduc-
ted into the best methods of
health education and since such
education rightly concerns all
aspects of the child's growth,
some controversial material
needs rather careful preparation.
Within our own community
much time and finance is spent
on recreational facilities and
activities. The Federal govern-
ment entered the field last year
when it published some suitable
physical exercise in booklet
form.

Such opportunities will increase
as the need for community fit-
ness becomes better known. We
trust it will not reach the stage
as in totalitarian countries where
physical training is supplied
throughout each community via
blaring loudspeaker systems
through the streets.

As parents we will see that
such facilities are appreciated
and become part of our way of
life. Here we need to see that
recreational activities need to
remain only a contributing part
to the whole of living. When
sports heroes and heroines re-
ceive such prominence as they
do in the Australian news media
it's difficult to convince older
children especially that sport is
only a contributing factor in liv-
ing—a means not an end.

If such facilities are wisely ac-
cepted and wisely used then
there may come a time when all
the people who troop into gym-
nasiums, etc., ostensibly for the
purpose of improving their health
may keep to the board rules of
health and fitness 24 hours of
the day, seven days a week.

Fitness of Children

Provided the home is secure
and loving and the diet nutritious
then the natural play of children
ensures that they are physically
fit.

Just try to imitate all the
movements of your three or four-
year-old for 15 minutes and you
will appreciate what tremendous
energy and exercise potential
they have. They need abundant
opportunities to run, jump,
swing, hang, climb, tumble and
manipulate. How true is the
statement that a child contains
500 springs to make him go and
none to make him sit still.

Here in Altona we are again
fortunate that whilst our beach
is not a wonderful one, it gives
excellent opportunities to wade,
swim, walk, run and build.

Our children can spend an
hour on our beach and do things
that inner suburban children
might take years to do. Their
natural play with their com-
panions is not hampered here
by physical limitations and we
are far luckier than we some-
times realise.

How much more exciting it
must be to a child to play among
the seaweed, even than to be
restricted to a walk to the super-
market or a busy shopping
street.

As well as giving opportunity
for these large body movements
thoughtful parents will provide
manipulation activities. Thread-
able opportunities for skillful
beads and sewing wool can
contribute to their physical well-
being just as much as a swim.

Natural play of course con-
tributes to the child's emotional
and psychological development
as well, provided an anxious
parent is not too many limitations
on the course of the play. Here,
the child is able to develop the
ability to establish personal re-
lationships with other individuals,
to find outlets for pent up emo-
tions and in many ways come to
terms with this big, wide world
in which he lives.

Research would indicate that
city children need frequent op-
portunity for climbing and hang-
ing activities. These are less
easily obtained in urban gardens
hence the popularity with chil-
dren of horizontal bars, ladders
and the like. Those of us old
enough or perhaps young enough
to remember the challenge the
old gum tree overhanging the
creek posed, will appreciate the
point.

Dr. Phillip Law, whose address
was first in the Physical Educa-
tion Conference, questioned the
idea of "the tough Australian."
How many of our children he
wondered, had had an experience
of coping with physical hard-
ship? Perhaps we need to spend
more time helping children un-
derstand the tremendous re-
sources for endurance and
adaptability with which they are
endowed.

Parents and Fitness

Most parents would agree that
parenthood is the most demand-
ing occupation yet devised, both
physically and emotionally.
Certainly most parents would
agree that they were adequately
fit to cope with the situation.
Most would say how golf or
squash or similar weekly recrea-
tion kept them in pretty good
shape.

Mr. Harvey Cox, Assistant Or-
ganiser of Physical Education in
Victoria, equates the weekly
game of squash, etc., with
"party" type eating—one over-
size meal a week with occasional
snacks in between.

We wouldn't tolerate such eat-
ing practices yet we rely on a
similar situation for our phys-
ical well being.

Although it may only be obvious
occasionally our civilisation has
reached a reasonably high de-
gree of development. Unfortun-
ately our body will take much
more than several thousand
years to adapt to the changes
made. Many of its natural func-
tions are the same now as they
were in primitive times.

Unfortunately the clash be-
tween civilised living and early
man results in a deterioration of
the modern man physically. As
we assume positions of greater
responsibility invariably our
physical activities become feats
of skill and endurance once they
reached higher positions in the
bridal scale.

No one can plan any system
of activity for another indi-
vidual. We need to look to our-
selves and our being and con-
sider objectively whether we are
"living most and serving best."
Any number of ideas are avail-
able for regular exercise. We
must find the one or two that
suit us best, that we can enjoy
and find satisfying.

Mothers naturally are busy
people and probably outstrip
their husbands in sheer physical
output. The problem here seems
to be to remove the drudgery so
that work in a sense becomes
play.

These I know are easy words
to say but the change has been
made. Sometimes by varying
household routines, sometimes by
planning them in a different way
or even by paying someone else
to do them while you have to
walk, a swim or a game of golf.
Whatever method we use or
choose it should contribute to
our living by enabling us to live
more fully and with less effort.

Live Most—Serve Best

This motto of Dr. J. F. Wil-
liams, written in 1922, seems an
inescapable part of fitness. If
we search for statistics for any
other words to healthful being
we find all sorts of problems.
Evidence can be shown to
prove all sorts and sides of argu-
ments. These range from the
rather vigorous and exhaustive
P. W. Ceruty school to the "eat,
drink and be merry" ideas.

Two basic premises, however,
are used by both schools of
thought. The first is that fitness,
health, etc., are very much de-
pendent on diet. Secondly, that modern living
tends to reduce our muscular
tone and consequently energy
output.

How much importance each
parent places on these of course
is a matter of individual choice.
There seems little doubt that
educational and governmental
authorities are concerned—you
may remember that some 48%
of our 20-year-olds are rejected
for national service—as parents
we perhaps should see that
everything possible is done to
provide for the growth of our
whole children.

FITNESS is total. It involves
and affects the whole man. "A
sound mind in a sound body,"
"the body beautiful" and such
phrases don't stand up to modern
investigation. Fitness is total.
One might say that you and
your family are fit if you are happy
and able to live most and serve
best.

The idea of dualism is out of
date. The fitness of the family's
fitness, the quality of the family's
living depends on us as parents.
How fit are we?

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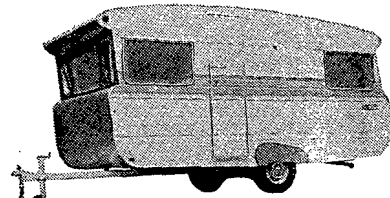
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CRICKET REPORT

A GRADE TURF

Altona, requiring a win to return to the top four in the A Grade Turf Section, the Williamstown, Altona and Footscray District Cricket Association, faced up to Southern Cross last weekend without the services of their injured captain and coach, John Cooney.

Regular vice-captain, Frank Thomas, won the toss and decided to bat on a good wicket. The added responsibility of captaining the side seemed to do Thomas the world of good as he was soon stroking the ball well, and together with Jim Page, soon had 55 on the board for the first wicket.

Jim was the victim of a controversial leg before wicket decision. Bill Douglas then joined Thomas, but did not stay long before he was bowled by John Armstrong for five.

Altona at this stage were beginning to push the scoring rate along and after losing Bob Dare Graeme Hosken and Jack Dellara within the space of 42 runs, Thomas declared the innings closed with his personal score at 49.

South Cross were soon in trouble and after being 2/1 were all out for 50. Bob Dare was the wrecker once again. In scoring 50 Southern Cross averted the follow-on and Altona were required to bat again. This, however, was for three overs only and with the score at 2/10 the innings was once again closed.

Southern Cross had the opportunity for an outright win. Requiring 86 runs in 70 minutes, Altona too had their sights on an outright and were very keen in the field.

Jim Page opened the bowling with his spinners and was soon successful. Page obtained wickets in his first, second, third and fifth overs and finished with 5/13. Southern Cross at this stage were two players short and were subsequently dismissed for 41, thus providing Altona with seven much-needed points.

During the course of this game Altona fieldsmen held seven catches which was an excellent effort, particularly the one held by Barry Critchley, who was playing his first game with the Seniors.

ALTONA—1st inns.:

THOMAS, not out	49
PAGE, lbw, b Taylor	28
DOUGLAS, b Armstrong	11
DARE, run out	5
HOSKEN, lbw, b Downes	6
DELLARA, b Holmes	6
Sundries	13

TOTAL: Five wickets (dec.) 116
BOWLING: S. Downes 1/13, J. Armstrong 1/28, J. Taylor 1/41.

SOUTHERN CROSS—1st inns.:

CAMPBELL, c, b Dare	0
WARD, c, b Gray	3
NORTON, b Dare	0
WHITE, b Dare	0
NICHOLS, b Dare	10
HOLMES, stpd., b Page	12
TAYLOR, c, b Gray	0
FLEMING, c, b Dare	0
ARMSTRONG, lbw, b Dare	0
DOWNES, not out	0
Sundries	3

TOTAL: 50
BOWLING: R. Dare 6/27, T. Gray 2/20, J. Page 1/0.

ALTONA—2nd inns.:

CRITCHLEY, not out	5
DUNCAN, b Downes	1
YOUNG, c, b Downes	1
MCLEOD, not out	3
Sundries	2

TOTAL: Two wickets (dec.) 19
BOWLING: S. Downes 2/2.

SOUTHERN CROSS—2nd inns.:

NORTON, b Duncan	4
CAMPBELL, c, b Page	0
WHITE, lbw, b Page	8
HOLMES, c, b Page	0
TAYLOR, c, b Page	0
WARD, lbw, b Page	0
NICHOLS, run out	5
FLEMING, not out	0
ARMSTRONG, lbw, b Dare	0
DOWNES, absent	0
Sundries	2

TOTAL: 41
BOWLING: J. Page 5/13, R. Dare 1/6, J. Duncan 1/15.

B GRADE TURF

Altona B Grade Turf, at home to Newport ANA, found form to win strongly on the first innings with time alone preventing them from gaining outright points.

Altona, batting first, had a good start before losing a wicket at 22. Jim Joyce and Bill Bibby batted soundly and carried the score to 37 before Joyce was bowled for 39, another consistent hand.

Losing another wicket quickly, Altona saw Noel Michael and Bibby hit out to reach 113.

With 30 overs bowled Altona closed at 6/141, a sound display! Newport ANA needed to win to keep their finals hopes alive, but were always in trouble with Frank Kirk bowling in top form and combining well with keeper Joyce to take 6/4. Rod Gray took 2/8. Dave Murphy 1/5 and Michael Calaz (1/5) gave good support to dismiss ANA for a miserable 24.

The highlight of this innings was a spectacular catch behind the stumps by Joyce, taken in the best Test tradition.

ANA, forced to follow-on, made a better effort of the second innings to reach 8/74 at stumps. Noel Michael bowled well to take 6/32.

Next match at home to Kororo Stars should be a hard fought affair with both teams fighting for second place on the ladder.

ALTONA—1st inns.:

McCULLAGH, b Dunne	1
JOYCE, b Polworth	39
BIBBY, not out	34
GRAY, lbw, b Polworth	4
MICHAEL, c, b Polworth	34
KIRK, lbw, b Dunne	12
MURPHY, b Dunne	0
CALAZ, not out	2
Sundries	15

TOTAL: Six wickets (dec.) 141
BOWLING: E. Dunne 3/28, R. Polworth 3/38.

NEWPORT ANA—1st inns.:

COWMEADOW, c, b Kirk	4
DALRYMPLE, lbw, b Kirk	0
WARE, b Kirk	0
POLWORTH, c, b Gray	6
HUGHES, c, b Murphy	0
BUNTING, stpd., b Kirk	3
EVANS, b Kirk	0
DUNNE, c, b Gray	0
KELLA, lbw, b Calaz	4
LEATHERS, c, b Kirk	1
TAYLOR, not out	3
Sundries	2

TOTAL: 24
BOWLING: F. Kirk 6/4, R. Gray 2/8, M. Calaz 1/5, D. Murphy 1/5.

NEWPORT ANA—2nd inns.:

COWMEADOW, b Harrison	13
HUGHES, b Michael	7
WARE, c, b Michael	0
DALRYMPLE, c, b Michael	3
DUNNE, c, b Michael	12
BUNTING, c, b Michael	0
POLWORTH, b Michael	0
EVANS, not out	19
KELLA, c, b Calaz	12
Sundries	2

TOTAL: Eight wickets for 74
BOWLING: N. Michael 6/32, M. Calaz 1/13, R. Harrison 1/27.

CHURCHES CRICKET SCORES

In contrast to the previous week's wet conditions, round eight of the Western Suburbs Protestant Churches Cricket Association, was completed last Saturday in extremely hot conditions.

Generally speaking, the lost time on the first day made results difficult to obtain, however, many games were completed and wins gained.

In the hotter conditions batsmen were generally better performers on the day. Ken Clements, Paisley-st. Baps. all-rounder, scored an excellent undefeated century, and others to do well included Noel Hayes 86, David Allen 80, John Merry 75 n.o., Peter Bowyer 66 n.o., Jones 64 n.o., Rich. Luke 62 n.o., Jones 64 n.o., Rich. Luke 62 n.o., Jones 64 n.o., Rich. Luke 62 n.o.

Six Junior batsmen also got over the half century.

Best trundler of the day was St. Andrew's (W'town) spinner, Rus Homewood, who took 8/36. Graeme Clarke increased his last week's good figures to 7/28. Just (6/57) and Peter McGowan (5/65) also bowled well.

Results of the round are as follows—

A GRADE

Yarraville Baps. 198 (N. Hayes 86, R. Hayes 22, Broadbent 22, Squire 15, R. Homewood 8/36), drew with St. Andrew's (W'town) 6/125 (Pedretti 48, B. Homewood 17 n.o., G. Homewood 16 n.o., B. Hayes 3/44).

Seddon/Yarraville Congs. 214 (Hammond 40, I. Mantion 26, N. Mantion 44 n.o., Bell 28, McGowan 5/65) drew with Williams-town Congs. 6/110 (Bowyer 66 n.o.).

Newport Meiths. 5/200 dec. (Allen 80, Luke 62 n.o., I. Cocks 26) d. Tottenham Baps. 54 (Gook 18, Chatfield 16, Viney 3/13) on the first innings.

Kingsville Baps. 1/141 (J. Anderson 58, Culbard 37, Bates 4/52) drew with Barkly-st. Meths. 154 (Bates 42, Hollings 19, Bohmer 16, Kennedy 15, C. Jackson 3/13).

B GRADE

North Williamstown Church of Christ 165 (Elley 22, K. Neville 18, G. Hayes 24, W. Neville 16, C. Bryant 23, Day 4/45, Hampson 3/34) defeated Yarraville Pres. 52 (K. Neville 4/16, J. Hope 3/7) on the first innings.

Faisley-st. Baps. 1/205 (K. Clements 100 n.o., Merry 75 n.o., Shorten 18) d. Maidstone Church of Christ 150 (W. Keenan 42, K. Stone 38, Rushton 28, K. Clements 3/28, Shorten 2/5) on the first innings.

St. Stephen's (Nth. W'town) 6/87 dec. (Morrison 22) d. Christ Church Newport 84 (Webster 15, Parsons 15 n.o., Clarke 7/23, Forbes 3/30) and 6/92 (Duggan 37, Clarke 3/35) on the first innings.

C GRADE

St. Eanswythe's defeated St. Andrew's in an exciting one-day game at Ford Reserve.

Losing the toss St. Eanswythe's were sent in to bat in very hot conditions. With fast scoring they managed 167 before having to close the innings at tea. Brian Garde (70) and Peter Carton (22) top scored.

St. Andrew's were then required to make 168 in 90 minutes of 27 overs. However, due to the tight bowling and good fielding of St. Eanswythe's they could only manage 135 at stumps.

Sst. EANSWYTHE'S—1st inns.:

Morton, c, b Bunce	2
B. Garde, run out	70
L. Haskell, c, b Smalley	14
M. Garde, c, b Smalley	11
D. Garde, c, b Whitty	9
Carton, c, b Whitty	22
Holden, b Smalley	7
Stephenson, b Whitty	1
Wynands, not out	12
Tyrell, not out	13
Sundries (12b, 1nb)	13

TOTAL: Eight wickets (dec.) 167
BOWLING: A. Whitty 3/33, D. Smalley 3/66, N. Bunce 1/26, R. Punshon 0/27.

ST. ANDREW'S—1st inns.:

Whitty, b Holden	0
Wescott, c, b Tyrell	2
Allen, b Haskell	29
Smalley, c, b Stephenson	46
Bunce, lbw, b Stephenson	1
Hadow, not out	31
Punshon, not out	19
Sundries (5b, 2nb)	7

TOTAL: Five wickets (dec.) 135

BOWLING: G. Stephenson 2/41, P. Tyrell 1/10, J. Holden 1/33, I. Haskell 1/36, A. Merrill 0/8.

All Saints 2/125 dec. (Stoneham 29 n.o., Jones 64 n.o.) d. Kingsville Baps. 107 (Cass 36) and 6/96 (R. Beard 30, Parke 19 n.o., Barrow 3/11) on the first innings.

Tottenham Baps. 173 (McInnes 5/45) d. Ballarat-rd. Meths. 172 (R. Annear 59, P. Annear 17, J. Just 6/57, McInnes 3/59) on the first innings.

Newport Baps. 6/67 drew with Seddon/Yarraville Congs. 132 (W. Manalack 24, Wheatle 24, D. Prentice 21).

As the first day's play of the Junior Sections was completely washed out, the round was played as a one-day fixture. Results are as follows—

NORTH SECTION

Barkly-st. Meths. 4/71 (Smith 41 n.o., Parry 3/24) d. Yarraville Baps. 7/68 e.c. (P. Taylor 20, Nelson 3/22).

Maidstone Church of Christ 3/168 (Stone 88 n.o., Mitchell 35) d. Tottenham Baps. 3/108 e.c. (M. Olliver 34 n.o., Simmons 33). All Saints 28 (Brown 4/9) and 5/32 (Cass 3/8) lost to Kingsville Baps. 104 (Cass 39, B. Amiguet 3/29).

SOUTH SECTION

St. Eanswythe's Juniors defeated John-st. in a one-day game at the J. T. Gray Reserve.

St. Eanswythe's, losing the toss, were sent in to bat first. Brian Garde (65 n.o.) and John Morton (45 n.o.) carried the score to 117 before being forced to close at tea.

John-st. began their first innings requiring to score 118 off 20 overs to win. However, due to some good bowling from Bruce Grant (2/8, six overs), John-st. were quickly tied down and were only 5/57 at stumps.

ST. EANSWYTHE'S—1st inns.:

B. Garde, not out	65
J. Morton, not out	45
Sundries (1b, 1nb, 5nb)	7

TOTAL: No wickets (dec.) 117
BOWLING: R. Grimmitt 0/8, P. Lucas 0/18, P. Sidgewick 0/18, N. Temby 0/32, P. Kerr 0/34.

JOHN-ST.—1st inns.:

P. Kerr, c, b Grant	6
P. Lucas, b Grant	7
N. Temby, c, b P. Grant	18
P. Sidgewick, not out	16
R. Grimmitt, b Stephenson	2
M. Grimmitt, b Stephenson	0
P. White, not out	0
Sundries (2b, 6nb)	8

TOTAL: Five wickets (dec.) 57
BOWLING: K. Stephenson 2/0, B. Grant 2/8, P. Grant 1/2, M. Gieve 0/6, Morton 0/6, B. Garde 0/7, G. Stephenson 0/7, S. Chatfield 0/13.

Christ Church 7/100 e.c. (Jones 52, K. Haining 3/8) lost to Altona Pres. 5/159 (McKenney 57 ret., G. Wilson 53 ret., Haining 15 n.o., Johnson 3/13).

W'town Congs. 2/62 e.c. (Harley 25) and 3/14 d. Electra-st. Meths. Pres. 5/159 (McKenney 57 ret., G. Wilson 53 ret., Haining 15 n.o., Johnson 3/13).

Electra-st. Meths. No. 1 3/133 (Outen 49, Fenton 30, McTaggart 18 n.o.) d. North Williamstown Church of Christ 1/113 e.c. (Williams 65 n.o., Castle 34).

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every driving detail during a
trip.

The devices told them how
often the driver braked, and
how hard; how many cars he
passed and how many over-
took him; and the total driving
time.

The cars set out from Ham-
burg to Rimini, almost 1000
miles away on the Italian coast
(almost equivalent from Mel-
bourne to Brisbane). More than
half the distance was travelled
over autobahns and autostradas
—the German and Italian ver-
sions of Australian expressways.

One driver was told to do what
we all do when we're in a hurry
—overtake whenever it's safe,
and take bends at the maximum
speed the car and our own
ability will allow.

The second driver made the
trip in relaxed style, avoiding
any risk and moving as the
traffic flow permitted.

The astonishing result: after
almost 1000 miles the speed-
ometer finished only 21 minutes
ahead of the easy-does-it
driver.

The fast driver, taking every
advantage, averaged less than
50 mph. He was behind the
wheel 20 hours, 12 minutes, and
used his brakes 1339 times, in-
cluding four "emergency" stops.

He overtook 2004 vehicles—far
more than any Australian
motorist would in a comparable
distance. He was overtaken by
only 13 cars.

The slow driver braked only
652 times (with no emergency
stops), overtook 645 times and
was overtaken by 142 vehicles.
His driving time was 20 hours,
43 minutes.

Experienced drivers from
ADAC, the biggest West German
motoring club, were sceptical,
so they organised a test of their
own—an 800-mile run from
Cologne to Brenner Pass, via
Munich, and back.

The first car took 16 hours
52 minutes after a har-
rassment drive.

The easy-does-it driver in the
second car took a mere 21
minutes longer.

The faster driver braked 701
times, including 12 emergency
stops, while the slower driver
braked only 326 times.

The overtaking ratio was again
wide: 1493 to 15.

The speedster had almost
2½ times as many swerves
stomps on the accelerator, and
"here-I-go—hope-I-make-it"
bursts on the wrong side of
the road.

In both tests the faster driver
used about 10 gallons more pet-
rol than his competitor. The
added wear and tear on the hard
driver's suspension and engine
was obvious.

On Australian highways, with
their long stretches between
towns, and the smaller volume
of traffic, there would probably
be a greater variance in the
time factors between the fast
driver and the slow-coach.

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to give birth to a baby, you'll
be doing yourself and your
car a good turn by slowing
down, and you'll lose only a
few minutes in the process.

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Automation —

Work will start soon on a
75 ft. high building — the
"West Tower" — for the Vic-
torian Railways Melbourne
Yard that will introduce auto-
mated hump shunting to Aus-
tralian railways.

Daylight Adelaide Express —
A daylight express will run
from Melbourne to Adelaide on
Good Friday, April 12. It will
have air-conditioned first and
second class carriages and a
dining car.

Summer Sunday Excursion Trains —

Sunday summer excursion
trains will run from Melbourne
to Queenscliffe until March 10.
Summer Sunday excursion
trains on the Mornington and
Stony Point lines (connecting at
Tongkerton and Cowes) will operate
until April 14.

Railway Finances —

An operating profit of
\$1,019,602 was made by the
Victorian Railways in the 1966-
67 financial year, compared
with an operating loss of
\$1,532,245 in the previous fi-
nancial year.

The operating profit follow-
ed an increase of \$4,960,295
in revenue, with an increase of
\$2,408,448 in working ex-
penses.

Rail Tickets Pulped —

Last year, 50 tons of used
card rail tickets were sold for
pulp, earning the Victorian
Railways more than \$700.

Rail Payroll Helps Country —

Of the 29,000 Victorian rail-
way men and women, 9,600
are employed outside the sub-
urban area. Their wages —
\$27 million last financial year
— helped to keep the cash reg-
isters of country shopping
centres ringing.

Children and Boom Barriers —
Children should be taught
by their parents and in schools
to observe boom barrier sig-
nals and be constantly alert,
just as they must observe other
traffic signals.

Off-Peak Ticket Title Contest —

More than 3,000 entries
were received by the Victorian
Railways for the "off-peak"
train ticket title contest. No-
body won the \$100 offered for
a new and better name, but
160 were paid out — \$10
each to 16 contestants who
suggested that "off-peak" was
a suitable enough name to be
retained.

Millions Use Public Transport —

In New York, 90 per cent
of the millions who arrive in
the morning peak hours and
leave in the evening rush use
public transport. Similarly, in
London, only 10 per cent travel
by private car during the
same peak hours; about 39
per cent use the underground,
36 per cent the main line British
Railways and 15 per cent
travel by bus.

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country industries — and
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enjoy very preferential rail
freight rates, that are approx-
imately 10 per cent below those
applying to other rail users.

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mated to be worth not less than
\$800,000 per annum to the
approved decentralised indus-
tries taking advantage of them.

OVERPASS FOR MILLERS-RD.

Grade separation at the Mil-
lers-rd. level crossing has been
approved.

Cr. J. J. Giniifer, M.L.A., has
received advice from the Minis-
ter of Transport in the follow-
ing terms—

"The Railways Commissioners
have advised me that grade sepa-
ration at this location has been
approved and that the Country
Roads Board is the constructing
authority.

"I am also advised that the
work is not proposed during the
current financial year and the
Railways Commissioners are un-
able to say, at this stage, whether
the Country Roads Board pro-
poses to include the
Millers-rd. project on its list of
works for the following year.

"So far as the present cross-
ing is concerned, the Commis-
sioners' firm policy is not to in-
stall boom barriers at level
crossings where flashing lights
already exist.

"I understand that the rate at
which level crossings can be
equipped with automatic warn-
ing devices is largely governed
by the availability of technical
staff and, as there are many
crossings throughout the State
without such equipment, the
Commissioners consider there is
far greater need to provide
warning devices at those cross-
ings than to alter existing in-
stallations by adding booms to
the flashing lights, and I can
understand their attitude in this
matter.

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alade Tourists will receive hotel
accommodation, many
meals, ground transport, the
services of an escort, guide
and luggage porters and some
other items which are normally
regarded as costly extras.

They will see the sights of
to Honolulu, San Francisco,
the world. Visits are planned to
Los Angeles, Washington and
New York in North America.

Across the Atlantic, they
will see London, a number of
sights in England and Scotland
and then tour Europe, visiting
cities like Amsterdam in Hol-
land, Heidelberg in Germany,
Innsbruck in Austria and Basle
and Lucerne in Switzerland.

The tour moves on through
Italy to Naples and returns
through the French Riviera to
Paris. There are also visits to
Athens, the Aegean Islands and
Hong Kong on the way home.

For travellers who can only
manage a shorter holiday, there
will also be two Cavalcade es-
corted tours to the Orient
which will visit Singapore,
Bangkok, Hong Kong, Macao,
Tokyo and other cities in Jap-
an.

These 22-day tours, which
will also be escorted through-
out, will cost \$1140 (Sydney
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"NIGHT OF A 1001 STARS"

Stage and television star, Suzanne Steele, who plays the female lead in "Man of La Mancha" at the Comedy, has organised "A Night of a Thousand and One Stars," to be presented by the committee of the Anzac Memorial and Forest in Israel, at Her Majesty's Theatre on Sunday, February 4, commencing at 8-30 p.m.

The theatre has been made available by courtesy of J. W. Williamson Theatres Ltd., and all proceeds will go to a drive to create a Harold Holt Memorial Forest as part of the Anzac Memorial Forest Appeal which is an operation of the Jewish National Fund.

Appearing will be Hayes Gordon, Charles West, Jill Perryman, Ian Turpie, Kevan Johnston, Leonore Somerset, a special classical ballet presentation staged by Kathleen Gorham, a comedy/drama interlude presented by Brian Crossley and Vivienne Gray; plus a galaxy of internationally acclaimed favourite stage and television artists, including a very well-known pop group, with comedians, ballet and the singers and dancers of the "Fiddler on the Roof" company. And, of course, Suzanne Steele herself.

Box plans can be seen at Allans, Israeli Shop, Carlisle-st., St. Kilda, and other agencies.

Reserve stalls and dress circle are \$4, plus booking fee, whilst an innovation will be the booking of the Reserved Upper Circle as a youth section at \$2 plus booking fee. Young entertainment of a "warm-up" nature will operate in the Reserved Upper Circle from the opening of the doors of the theatre until the commencement of the performance.

The items presented by the stage stars will, of course, be completely different from anything which they are presenting in their current theatrical performances.

New Year ABC Guide to Schools

(by H. P. Schoenheimer)

For most pupils next week is the start of a new school term so it is a good time for parents to ask what sort of education their children are getting.

There is a big credibility gap between those critics who argue that primary and secondary education is in a parlous state and those administrators who feel that the situation is fairly bright.

So what better than to see for yourself? Yes I am quite seriously suggesting that thousands of parents should exercise a democratic right to go and do their own checking.

Here, gratis, is a guide to the schools to help you on your visit, assuming it is a public school.

GROUNDINGS AND BUILDINGS

Imagine two or three photographs taken at random of the school groundings and buildings. Would you be pleased to have them published in a history book of the 1980's, with the caption "These are the beautiful groundings and buildings in which the people of affluent 1968 Australia were proud to have their children educated?"

ROOMS AND FURNISHINGS

Inside the schoolroom you might ask yourself: "Is this the standard of accommodation and furnishing that I would be happy to find—

(a) In my home?

(b) In any city office?

Do the standards of comfort, beauty, heating and cooling, ventilation and design measure up to those that I demand for myself at home or in my job?"

There is a lot you can see in a classroom, occupied or empty. Sit down at a desk and ask how well it is designed for careful efficient work. Spread a few books around on it—say a textbook, dictionary or atlas and an exercise book—add ruler, pens, rubber, possibly coloured ink or pastels, then sit with good comfortable posture and write something, if you can. If the lighting strains your eyes, compare it, too, with standards in office and home.

Count the desks in the room. If there are more than 30, that class is too large by modern

standards. If there are more than 35 Australian and overseas educators say the situation is pretty poor. If there are more than 40—well, he's your child; don't say nobody warned you.

Now multiply the number of desks by 16 or, if you're ambitious for something a little better, by 20. This will tell you the number of square feet the room might reasonably contain. Many Canadian schools work on 30 square feet per child.

You can check the area, if you really care, either by asking the teacher, or by pacing out the dimensions, or by measuring one panel or one brick, then counting, and multiplying up. This will give you the statistics.

Alternatively just look at the room and ask yourself how functional it is for any activity except sitting and listening.

And if you think the classroom is crowded, go and take a look at the teachers' staff rooms. In most schools, they have to be seen to be believed.

THE STAFFING

Groundings and buildings, rooms and furniture are important, but secondary. Education is people. Ask the teacher how he enjoys teaching and what is needed to make it better. His answers will tell you a lot about him as well as about the schools. They will also tell you a lot about yourself as a citizen, taxpayer and provider of education. Make your own estimate of teacher morale.

Why not ask the head master how many of the teachers on his staff have the bare minimum professional qualification—"professional" by community stan-

dards, that is, of either a university degree or its minimal equivalent—three years of post-matriculation study? Then go down the scale and see how many teachers (no need to seek the embarrassment of actual names) have only two years of beyond-school study, how many have one or less. Or don't you believe you're entitled to know who teaches your children? Or don't you care?

If you want to be one of those really nasty, disagreeable types who are always whinging, try to find out how many teachers in the school have, say, as much as two years of tertiary study in the particular subjects they are teaching.

The answers may be very different to those for the previous question: and while a good teacher can often transfer a lot of his ability to a different field, there is some point in knowing that the maths teacher's major area of study was French, or vice versa.

CHILDREN'S WORK

Of course most that is put on display is likely to be neat and tidy. But look carefully to see how much of it is original, creative, spontaneous and vital. If it's all, or nearly all, only pretty copying it may represent capable instruction, but it isn't good education.

MISCELLANEOUS

On your way out, ask to see the assembly hall, the gymnasium, the sick rooms, the library and the cafeteria. They are all standard Government provisions in many countries. And take a look into the lavatories to check the level of hygiene.

Finally, if you finish the trip satisfied with the school and with yourself, visit another low-income suburb and do the research all over again.

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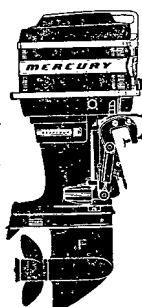
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by
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A Psychedelic Trip

My, how good it feels to be back in Altona after a two-and-a-half thousand-mile trip with Tommy "On a Goal" and "Del Shannon's" blood brother (better known as Hogan's Heroes).

Being out of town for 10 days has left me scratching for news, and so I thought I'd give you the boys' views on the places we visited, passed through, stayed at, broke down at or were thrown out of.

SEYMOUR—Alcohol may be obtained after hours for an extra 3c a bottle.

WODONGA—When checking the oil in your car do not use more than a square inch of paper to wipe your dipstick with.

ALBURY—Very quiet at 1 a.m. All the cars have their yellow number plates.

HOLBROOK—Too many trucks, roosters and ants (Tom was scared of "Joe Blakes").

GUNDAGAI—Not enough jobs, too commercial (advertisers "Tuckerbox" dog food).

YASS—Has a good swimming pool, but one has to pay to get in.

SYDNEY—Has a bridge, Kings Cross, an opera house under construction, Manly Ferry, tollway and HAROLD PARK. Generally regarded as a rathole with too many people, cars, hills, buildings, shops, one-armed bandits and lousy beer.

In Sydney there are not enough police, discotheques, traffic lights, tattooists, beaches and watches. The pop scene is dead as far as dances go, but Johnny Farnham's record is doing well there. We missed Normie's last appearance.

MANLY—Very small, but overrated beach where even penguins swim outside the shark net. Entry to the museum is free. Girls were quite friendly.

NEWCASTLE—Big place with a huge shopping centre. Might be as big as Sydney one day. Quite easy to drag off the highway, as John found out.

TAREE—On the day to this place I mistook a dingo for a sheep dog. I called it and Tom whistled him.

KEMPSEY—Local dance is held at the cafe section of a service station. Girls friendly, but couldn't say the same for the boys. Picked up a hitchhiker who had hitchhiked 20 miles to see a film. When asked what the film was like he replied "Sexy."

COFF'S HARBOUR—Too many bananas and mosquitoes. Ugh! The bananas were green.

BANGALOW—Good old swimming pool with river water. Admission free.

TWEED HEADS—Nothing spectacular, cars had black number plates.

COOLANGATTA—Many girls and boys and plenty of dancing. Waves were good. (Somebodies Image are well-known in Queensland.)

SURFER'S PARADISE—Temperature never below 100 degrees, highly commercialised, has plenty of parking meters, one-way streets, shops, adult entertainment, suntan lotion, service stations, motels and camping ground rangers. Not enough

meter maids, dances, single girls, life savers, jobs, cool changes, milk.

CANBERRA—According to Throb and his gang this is a wonderful place, but we didn't stay there long enough to find out. There is a big disco, there called "Chapter One." Went on tour of Parliament House. At the moment Canberra is too flat and dry.

COOMA—Big place.

BOMBALA—Pubs stay open 24 hours a day. Equivalent of the "Altona Star" is the "Bombala Times." Swimming pool isn't too hot, showers are remote control providing you have 10c. People very friendly.

The road between Bombala and Cann River or Delegate is unsafe and one timber truck came close to destruction. We observed that the cabin was suspended over a cliff edge by a load of timber that the truck was carrying. The truck driver had abandoned his vehicle. (Do you blame him?)

MOE—Chased from here to Dandenong by two girls in a "Lawnmower" (Volkswagen).

STAR

Our Star this week is Altona slot car driving champion, Anton Golacki. Anton will become an honorary member of "Stars, Saints and Sinners."

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Free bus leaves corner Pier and Blyth Streets, Altona, at 8 p.m. (also stops Maidstone Street and Laverton).

SINNER

The Sinner this week is the person who willfully damaged the cork life saving belt at the end of the Altona Pier.

The belt looks as though it has been bitten to pieces by a mad dog. It is sad to think that anybody could be so thoughtless as to destroy such a valuable piece of equipment.

If somebody drowned as a result of the life belt's absence then our Sinner would have to live with a death on his/her conscience for the rest of their life.

A new life belt will cost the council quite a few dollars.

RODEO NEWS

Altona riders, Stan Peel and Stan Daly, didn't come back from Korrumburra Rodeo with empty pockets on Monday.

Stan Peel was placed equal fourth in the second division steer ride and Stan Daly was fourth in the calf roping with a time of 21.6 seconds.

Top Altona rider "Bonga" Hobbs had a bad day, but no doubt he'll make up for it at the Geelong Rodeo on February 16 and 17.

Other Altona riders included Gary Howard and Noel Chalmers who both came down in the second division steer ride.

Judges of the show were top Australian rider Barry Gravenor and Johnny Elso.

Also seen at the rodeo were local identities, Keith Joel and Pete Landers.

CHUCK WAGGONER.

COMPETITION RESULTS

Winner of the WHO competition is Pat Augustini, of Upton-st., Altona, who correctly named "I Can See For Miles" as the Who's latest record.

Pat may choose a free record from NEV'S VARIETY BAR.

Winner of the Small Faces Competition was Frances Callander, of Railway-st., Altona, who correctly named "Tin Soldier" as the new record by the Faces. Frances will receive a double pass to the Brooklyn Village Drive-in Theatre.

THIS WEEK

To win Nev's Free Record name the new LP just released here by the Cream, a British group.

Address all entries to the "Altona Star," 101 Pier-st., Altona, 3012.

Crowd of 700 at "Bus Stop"

"Bus Stop" promoters report a record crowd of 700 people at their dance at Werribee last Sunday night.

The dance, which commenced the new season, featured Johnny Farnham, whose current record release is "Sadie, The Cleaning Lady." (The girls were all around the poor boy.)

Also playing were the fabulous James Taylor Move and an up and coming group called the Compact. The current record release by the Compact is getting plenty of air-play, while Johnny Farnham's record is on top all over the country.

ENTERTAINMENT

Dances

SUNDAY NIGHT: "Bus Stop 1," Werribee Centenary Hall, Watton-st., Werribee.

Drive-in

Showing at the Brooklyn Village Drive-in for one week from Thursday, February 1.

"THE HAPPIEST MILLIONAIRE" (Col.) Fred MacMurray, Tommy Steele, Greer Garson.

TOP TEN

- 1.—Sadie JOHNNY FARNHAM.
- 2.—Hello, Goodbye BEATLES.
- 3.—To Sir, With Love LULU.
- 4.—Hush SOMBODIES IMAGE.
- 5.—That's Life THE WILD CHERRIES
- 6.—Day Dream Believer MONKEES.
- 7.—Gimme Little Sign BRENTON WOOD.
- 8.—Judy in Disguise JOHN RED & THE PLAYBOYS
- 9.—The Rain, The Park, & Other Things COWSILLS
- 10.—The Last Waltz ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK.

Mobil Research on Car Exhaust Fumes

Mobil Oil scientists believe current research could lead to automobile exhaust emissions being cut to levels well below those now sought by world pollution control authorities.

Dr. Dayton H. Clewell, Mobil's senior vice president for research and engineering, says the research aims at:

(1) Reducing hydrocarbon emissions to 65 parts per million, more than 100 per cent better than the optimum standards sought by authorities for 1970.

(2) Reducing carbon monoxide emissions to 0.5 per cent, also 100 per cent better.

(3) Reducing nitrogen oxide emissions to 175 parts per million, again about 100 per cent better than the standards set for 1970.

Dr. Clewell was announcing the goals of the Inter-Industry Emission Control Program, established in the U.S. last May by Mobil and Ford.

He was addressing the American Association for the Advancement of Science when Mobil received the 1967 Annual Achievement Award of the association's Industrial Science Section.

Five other oil companies have since joined the inter-industry programme set up by Ford and Mobil which calls for \$7m. investment over the next 2½ years to develop an emission free petrol-powered vehicle.

Other participation companies are Standard Oil (Indiana), Atlantic Richfield, Marathon Oil, Standard Oil (Ohio), and Sun Oil.

"We are optimistic about reaching our goals in the laboratories," Dr. Clewell said. "The challenge then will be to convert laboratory successes into commercial production, so that a pollution-free, petrol-powered car can be made and sold at a reasonable price."

AAAS said Mobil was chosen for the achievement award, not only for its role in the auto emissions project, but for research in other areas as well. These include development of zeolite catalysts, which have substantially reduced petroleum refining costs, heavy oil secondary recovery from reservoirs, and low-pressure reforming processes which have improved petrol manufacturing efficiency.

The award also cited Mobil's co-operative research efforts with North American Rockwell Corp. which seeks ways to combine aerospace technology and petroleum technology to recover oil from ocean depths.

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Who are the Caramba Boys?

Unfortunately I missed the Who/Small Faces Show while travelling interstate, but Griff reports that the Small Faces were magnificent.

Amongst the Thursday night audience were Ross D. Wylie, Gary Sweetman (Iggy), a Cherokee, drummer from the Bay City Union, and many other musos.

Normie Rowe's farewell appearance was held at the Melbourne Town Hall this afternoon. Watch for the report next week.



WHAT'S BITING?

The winner of the competition for the largest flathead, which concluded yesterday, was won by Bill Shepherd, of 50 Romawi-st., Altona.

His 2lb. 6oz. flathead was the heaviest weighed in for the last two months.

Bill can collect his prize, 500 yards of nylon line, from Ken Kim at his Pier-st. Sports Store.

FROZEN BAITS

One of the greatest advances made in fishing in recent years has been the introduction of deep-frozen baits.

Victoria has always been unfortunate where fishing bait is concerned.

Live prawns are only available in one or two places along the coast; catching an octopus for bait is a day's business in itself; and squid are almost as hard to catch.

What prawns have been available in the past have been the big king prawns and at \$1 or \$1.20 a pound they are too dear for most fishing.

The only baits available in Victoria have been pilchards, whitebait and blue bait, but every saltwater angler knows what condition some of these are in when he buys them.

In all fairness we should add that one or two reputable bait dealers have sold fresh bait in first-class condition, but one or two dealers can't be expected to supply the whole trade, especially when the snapper season is on.

Before frozen baits were available, the only easy-to-come-by bait was the saltwater mussel, and this bait was hopeless if you wanted to cast from the rocks or the surf beach.

With the introduction of the deep-freeze unit in most leading sports shops, the position has changed. Prawns, craytail, garfish, pipis, bonito, whitebait, bluebait, sandworms, beachworms, octopus tentacles, squid and mussels can all be obtained in a clean cellophane bag.

For the past two seasons we have tried out every saltwater bait that has been kept in a deep-freeze, and only once were we disappointed with the results.

The angler who is only able to fish on occasional Sundays can not be blamed if he doesn't experiment—he simply hasn't the time. But experiment has proved that it sometimes takes the strange bait to save the day.

Who'd ever think of using prawns for trout, whitebait for redfin, blue bait for quinnat salmon, or saltwater craytail for Murray cod? Yet, strange as it may seem, we have used all these baits for the fish mentioned with surprising results.

We don't recommend such drastic changes in baiting for everyday use, but when the fish refuse ordinary baits—who knows?

It would be impossible to mention all the fish that can be caught on each of the baits mentioned here, especially as there are nearly 400 common species of fishes in our Australian waters, but we have mentioned those fishes that prefer that particular bait to most of the others.

Prawns—Black bream, yellowfin bream and flathead in saltwater lakes.

Craytail—Snapper, morwong, leatherjackets, sweep and other reef and rock fishes.

Garfish—The No. 1 bait for trolling for yellowtail kingfish, mackerel and pike.

Octopus Tentacle—The No. 1 bait for baitfishing for yellowtail kingfish.

Squid—All reef fishes including snapper. Has one decided advantage, it stops on the hook.

Whitebait—The No. 1 bait for the common, the dusky and the tiger flathead. Good surf bait, especially for salmon.

Bluebait—All surf fishes. Also good for midwater fishing for small yellowtail kingfish, tummy and the various species of trevaly.

Pipis—Can be used for any species that takes mussels like whiting, small snapper and southern bream.

Beach Worms—Black bream, mullovey, snapper (in the surf zone), and sand whiting.

BAIT FOR MINNOW TRAP

If you use one of those plastic bait traps to catch minnows you probably bait it with bread-crumbs.

A far more effective bait is a ball of oatmeal. Wet the oatmeal and squeeze it in your hand until it is the shape of a small ball and place inside trap.

We wonder what interesting story lies behind the following advertisement that appeared in the Michigan Press: "Will exchange spinning reel and rod for good pheasant dog."

MORE CLUES ON THE SNAPPER

The snapper, as indicated by his massive head, powerful jaws and rows of strong rounded teeth, is a shellfish feeder. But as all anglers know, he is not adverse to a fish diet.

We have examined many hundreds of snapper stomachs and have found the usual content to consist of crushed mussels or cockle and a great variety of crabs, and occasionally small bottley squid and sometimes early in the season, when fishing on the mud in the channel off Brighton, we have found their diet to have been soft red sea worms.

These worms are quite large and break into pieces when handled. We frequently bring them up on the anchor while fishing the mud.

The only fish bait I have found in them has either been taken off the hooks or ground bait thrown over by the Angler.

These facts would indicate crabs and shellfish are the best bait; but I am afraid this is not so.

Small snapper up to 3lb. take mussel quite well, but the large fish prefer a bait of craytail, squid, pilchard, salmon, bonito and other types of fish bait. The previous order is the preference in which we place the different bait values.

GROUND BAIT

We have found, by using ground bait, one is more liable to hold snapper around the boat and instead of just getting one or two fish out of a school.

The school is held by the ground bait and one's chances of taking a good basket of fish is greatly enhanced.

Any type of old bait is suitable. I usually cut it up very fine and scatter it about well; by doing this, you can be assured that flathead and other fish will not clean it up too quickly, and the wider your band of smell, going off with the tide, the more fish that will pick up the scent and eventually work along your baits.

After Christmas when the sharks arrive, we know a lot of anglers do not like putting over ground bait on account of attracting these vermin, but we have always taken the view that when snapper are plentiful so are the sharks, and the ground bait if chopped fine, makes little or no difference as it is far too small for even a snapper shark to pick up.

SAFETY AFLOAT

Here are a few suggestions to help make your safety record. Most accidents are due to ignorance and a skipper owes it to his passengers to do all he can to prevent their safety for he, above all, should not be ignorant of the basic rules of safety.

Non-swimmers should wear a life jacket at all times.

Always ventilate a boat very thoroughly after handling petrol.

Do not smoke or allow a naked flame near a petrol store.

Carry an efficient fire extinguisher aboard.

Ensure all doors and hatches open easily.

Learn how to apply artificial respiration.

Store liquid gas cylinders away from stoves and engines. Safely stow all gear and all equipment.

Move about your boat carefully as falls can cause serious accidents.

Carry sufficient fuel for the day's outing, plus a little extra.

Never stand on a gunwale when entering a boat. Always step into the centre.

Never jump into a boat.

Do not be afraid to use your hands to steady yourself, but never allow your fingers to come between the boat and the jetty.

Do not change places in a small boat while under way. Never overload your boat under any circumstances.

Carry spares and tools for your motor, e.g., starter cord, steer pins, spark plugs, etc.

Make sure your boat is equipped at least as stated in the Government Regulations. Make sure all passengers are seated before travelling fast or turning sharply.

Watch the tides and weather. Should the boat capsize always stay with the boat until help arrives.

Learn the "Rules of the Road."

Head into high waves. Do not anchor in channels. Remove spilt grease or oil. Remember cruising with the tide on an outward journey means the return trip is against the tide, so more time and fuel will be required to cruise home.



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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6:

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SATURDAY, 10th FEBRUARY:

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SUNDAY, 11th FEBRUARY:

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TUESDAY, 20th FEBRUARY:

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	Gabo Island	3.13	—
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	Barwon Heads	—	0.16
	Port Phillip Heads	—	0.09
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Oddly enough, when the torture is over, the result is a glowing sense of physical well-being. On the outskirts of Hiroshima is the hilly Hijiyama Park, with its miles of shaded walks and

In achieving this effect of a world in miniature, the garden lives up to its name of Shukkei-en which has the mellifluous

At first glance all the trees seem to have been dusted with a light snowfall—an odd sight on a steaming midsummer day. On closer inspection the snowflakes

The red torii offshore is bathed in a soft dancing glow as the lilliputian armadas pass by on their way to the open waters, home of the sea spirit Isokushima, deity of the shrine.

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There is the case of the Bower family who all ended their days at the end of a rope. Firstly, Mr. and Mrs. Bower were hanged in England in 1802. Their three sons, who later were transported to New South Wales for petty crimes, were all hanged on the same scaffold in Sydney of March, 1816, after being found guilty of attempted robbery. A parallel unequalled in the history of the gallows.

The city police station, like many other government department establishments. Its officers the most overworked government employees of the day. Recruits to the force were difficult to attract. However, law and order had to be kept. The common drunk, the pick-pocket, cattle duffers, bushrangers, gold thieves, escaped convicts, domestic brawls, government licences, permits, forms, notices, were all part and parcel of the overworked and underpaid policeman's duties.

There were no radios, phones, fingerprint department, breathalizers and all the modern equipment as we know today, however, more often than not they got their man, kept peace and order in the fast-growing village of Melbourne Town.

The city police station, like many other government departments, soon outgrew itself and moved to Russell-st., where it remains to this day. Firstly, on the western side of Russell-st., was built a combination police station, gaol and courthouse. The police station was known as the city watch house and still is for that matter.

The old Melbourne Gaol, with its damp and musty, airless cells, still remains and is used for storage and part of the police garage.

The catwalks, the trapdoors and the beam that supported the hangman's noose over the gallows still are to be seen. The deep grooves marked by the rope on the beam are grim evidence it was not always as inactive and peaceful.

For it was from here that Ned Kelly and scores of others not so famous, met a revolting and ghastly end.

Although the old gaol is not used to hold prisoners, and its gallows are no longer used, an exact replica is still in use at Pentridge Gaol, Coburg. It was last used in 1967 to carry out the hanging of Ronald Ryan for the shooting of a prison warden.

Let's all trust that this hanging will be the last and final reminder that the gallows is not the answer to better law enforcement and a deterrent of crime.

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